

Argument in Favor of Measure BB

Albany is a small and diverse community, but the current voting system leaves out many of our voices. Some voters elect two or three candidates while others, who cast their votes for losing candidates, elect zero and have no representation. Measure BB will move City Council and School Board elections to Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), giving more voters a voice in Albany.

RCV lets you rank the candidates, ensuring your vote goes to your most preferred candidate still in the running. This means we can vote for the candidate we want instead of who we think is most electable, our government will accurately reflect our values, elected officials will be more accountable to us, and underrepresented groups will have a fair chance to elect a candidate of their choice. This is why under RCV more women and candidates of color run in and win elections, leading the courts to use RCV to resolve voting rights cases and ensure fairer outcomes for protected minority voters.

By adopting RCV in Albany, we will:

- Empower us each to vote our conscience and support candidates with the best ideas without having to choose strategically.
- Make it more likely that Asian American and Pacific Islander, Black and Latino communities have a voice in elections.
- Ensure all communities have a seat at the table and fair and equal representation in government.

We deserve a government that represents our values, our diversity and our strength as a city; by choosing to change our election method we can ensure we have one. Ranked Choice Voting will result in a government that reflects the entire city and responds to the interests of all of us. If you want our government to work toward building unity among all communities, support RCV.

Visit Voterchoicealbany.org for more.

Vote YES on Measure BB.

/s/ Nick Pilch, Albany Mayor

/s/ Peter Maass, Albany Councilmember

/s/ Sara Hinkley, Trustee, Albany Unified School District

/s/ Ruby MacDonald, President, League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville

/s/ Eveline Shen, Co-Founder, Voter Choice Albany

